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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2002, Applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

I. 102 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,913,061). Applicants respectfully disagree that Gupta discloses each and every element of the claimed invention, and in fact Gupta is not even drawn to the same type of invention as claimed by Applicants. Specifically, Applicants have disclosed and claimed a computer framework and method for accessing data from different types of datastores while maintaining a common interface for existing business applications. In other words, the invention